

REMARKS

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed on October 18, 2005. In that Office Action, claims 1, 2, 5 and 9 were rejected and claims 3, 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 39 and 40 were objected to. With this Amendment, claims 1, 9, 10, 39 and 40 have been amended. New claims 41-49 have been added and claims 2, 3 and 8 have been cancelled. The application now includes claims 1, 4-7, 9, 10 and 39-49.

The Office Action indicated that claims 3, 4, 6-8, 10, 11, 39 and 40 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The subject matter of claim 3 along with claim 2 has been included in independent claim 1. Claims 2 and 3 have been cancelled. Since independent claim 1 now includes subject matter which was deemed to be patentable in this Office Action, it is respectfully requested that independent claim 1 along with its respective dependent claims (claims 4-7, 9, 10, 39 and 40) be reconsidered and allowed.

New claim 41 includes the subject matter of claim 4 incorporated with the subject matter of claim 1. The Office Action indicated that claim 4 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of this, it is respectfully requested that claim 41 be allowed.

New claim 42 includes the subject matter of claims 6 and claim 2 incorporated with claim 1. In the Office Action, claim 6 was indicated to include subject matter which would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In view of this, it is respectfully requested that claim 42 be allowed.

New Claim 43 includes the subject matter of claim 7, claim 2 and claim 1. The Office Action indicated that the subject matter of claim 7 if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims would be allowable. In view of this, it is requested that claim 43 be allowed.

The Office Action also indicated that the subject matter of claim 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and

any intervening claims. The subject matter of claim 8 and claim 1 has been rewritten in independent form as new claim 44. In view of this, it is requested that new claim 44 along with its respective new dependent claims 45 and 46 be allowed.

The Office Action also indicated that the subject matter of claim 11 if rewritten in independent claim form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims would be allowable. Claim 11 has been rewritten in independent form including the subject matter of claim 1 as new claim 47. In view of this, it is requested that new claim 47 be allowed along with its respective dependent claim, new claim 48.

The Office Action also indicated that the subject matter of claim 39 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Claim 39 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the subject matter of its base claim, claim 1, as new claim 49. In view of this, it is requested that new claim 49 be allowed.

It is believed that all of the claims in the application are in allowable form. Reconsideration and allowance of the previously rejected claims and consideration and allowance of the new claims are respectfully requested.

The Director is authorized to charge any fee deficiency required by this paper or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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